

**PETITION OF A COLORED VETERAN FOR A STATE PENSION.**—The petition of Samuel Neale, a colored citizen of Frederick city, has been presented in the Maryland Legislature by Mr. Ritter, praying to be put upon the pension list for services during the war of 1812-14. The petitioner claims to have been attached to Col. Tilghman's cavalry, first as steward to Surgeon Hammond and his aid, and afterwards as aid to the surgeon, his duties being to carry the doctor's case of surgical instruments on the field, and attend in assisting with the care of the wounded. The petitioner claims to have been armed and equipped as a soldier, "in order to fight the enemy when hard pressed; to have fled with the rest from Bladensburg, and to have been present about the time of the battle of North Point, and was accidentally wounded by one of Dr. Hammond's pistols." The petition is endorsed by Hon. Wm. P. Manisby, chief judge of the sixth judicial circuit; Hon. John A. Lynch, associate judge of the same circuit; Hon. P. H. Marshall and others.

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**CURIOUS CASE AT EASTON, PA.**—In the case of James J. Edwards, who has been indicted for disturbing public worship, a prosecution instituted by the German Methodist congregation at Freemansburg, the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty, and directed the prosecutors and the defendant each to pay half the costs. The prosecution grew out of the circumstance of the defendant going to the church during a protracted meeting for the purpose of bringing away his daughter, aged fifteen years, who was sent there against her father's wishes and consent.